### BALMY CLIMATE OF COLORADO

The Stars Shine More Brightly Through Its Pellucid Air.

GREAT FUTURE OF THE STATE.

Dales are Limitless and for Generations to Come They Will Pour Forth Treasures

DENVER, COLORADO, January 31 .the world. The daily cloudless sky, the balmy atmosphere, mercury ranging 5 to 60 at mid-day, and in mid-winter makes one feel as if he were in a tropical clime. Some say this is an exceptional exceptional. Be is exceptional or otherwise it is truly enjoyable and in wid st to our Virginia winter weather. But for the absence of foliage, at noon one could fancy it were summer, without

Sitting upon the open porch breathing the soft, balmy summer-like air and at the tains a few miles distant covered with perpetual snow is a condition and spec Italy and Switzerland. No pen can depict or pencil portray the grandeur and subselves in the panorama spread in view. The snow-clad peaks glistening in the bright sun-light like sparkling gems and scarcely subdued under the less radiant light of a full unobscured moon seem to becken us onward to touch their beauty and bask in the light of their bewitching smiles.

#### THE SETTING SUN.

As the last rays of the setting sun il-As the last rays of the setting sun ilume the western horizon, the fleecy
edges of the far off west are tinged with
old and silver, and the high peaks with
heir white caps of snow in changing
ints of sparkling brightness, graduated
own to the shadows which creep slowly
p as the sun disappears from view, hidng the resplendent and reflected glory
f a gorgeous sunset, is a megnificently farthest point north where the ranges to view to the extreme south, where sink from sight and their outline is lost against the inky sky as darkness creeps o'er the scene. Such are not rare sights, but daily occurences. Never have sights, but daily occurences. Never have I seen stars shine more brightly or seem so large and near; we look at them through a thin, pure rarefled atmosphere, no mists to dim their brightness, or fleeey cloud to obscure their glory. The beautiful "Bedlamond crescent with duplicate horns" seems to be on duty here more and oftener, as usual it is, than in the regions where clouds hold full sway and pitch darkness reigns supreme.

One who loves the moon and the stars

pect. Busy man inured to tell must be the light of day to hustle for his ad and butter, and stern nature deands a time for sleep; the mandate that ng since went forth, "Work while it is for the night cometh when no ma has fallen upon us like othe of Adam's sl

#### KIND NATURE.

has dealt kindly with Colorado, ets of pure water dashing down mountain gorges in angry form. of the great distance from ocean, sibilities waiting energy and development the wealth of her mountains, which for

Notwithstanding all that has thus fur been accomplished, the resources of this State and its mountains have scarcely been scratched. For generations to come they will continue to pour out their treasure in response to the labor and energy exerted. The depth and richness of her soil, the abundance of water yet to be willized for watering the ground and making it "bring forth the bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater" will not wear out or its rich-Notwithstanding all that has thus the cater" will not wear out or its richness be exhausted for ages. All her varied resources are here to stay; and the time is not remote when Colorado will be time is not remote when Colorado will be the richest productive State in the union. And as it prows in richness and wealth so too will it grow in power and morali-ity. The swaddling clothes of its infancy have already been tald aside and its childishness fast disappearing under the brightness of coming manhood. All dis-order that grows and flourishes on the frontier of civilization will gradually be forced onward by the progress of better trans. Even fake journals that live and prosper for a while must give way and seek localities better suited to their ne-farious calling. Journalistic and all other farious calling. Journalistic and all other enterprises that cater to the morbid and enterprises that cater to the morind and unrefined taste of an unthinking populace must be lifted up to a higher standard or move westward where it is still wild and woolly. The onward march of progress brings with it men and women hither up in the scale of thought, refinement and taste from whom coses for the ment and taste, from whom goes forth a quiet influence uplifting and purifying. By the inexorable law of nature the weak must give way to the strong, the bad to the better. The "survival of the fittest" holds good in every element of active moving existence.

#### YELLOW JOURNALS.

The Evening Post, whose proprietors were shot the other day by an outraged citizen, is not the only "snide" journel that should raise its standard or move on where exist more congeniality and ap-preclation for their hashed-up gossip and

predation for their hashed-up gossip and self-made news.

There are others. One in particular, which started in life as a good bonest hit the boy, about forth years ago, but which has developed into a mighty bad man.

In 1839 or [9], when the only means of travel west of the Missouri river ways by ox teams across the "Great American Desert," an enterprising young man packed up his printing press and started, as the saying was in those days, "For Pike's Peak or bust" After a month or more of hard travel and hardships he reached the little infining camp located where Denver now stands, and in a few days, as the story goes, issued the first number of the "Rocky Mountain News." For many years he continued to pt blish it with credit to himself and benefit to the growing community. That same enterprising youth is to-day an honored citizen of Denver, somewhat whitened by the frost of time, but still hale and hearty, entering with interest and energy into everything for the good and permanent advancement of the g

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#### IN OTHER HANDS.

After he retired from the "News" it passed into other lands, and has many changes and vicissitudes. It was purchased in 1879 by W. A. H. Loveland, a candidate for Governor on the Democratic ticket, for the purpose of boosting his campaign. He was dested, however, and the paper proved to be an unprofitable venture for him. After a few years of struggling existence it passed from one to another, and finally into the hands and ownership of its present controller, T. W. Patterson, a lawyer of uncertain note, and a pure political trickster, who has grown gray in the constant and persistent effort during the past twenty-five years to get into office, and rich from a lucrative law practice and annual stipends he has mantained through subtility peculiarly his own. changes and vicissitudes. It was

penns he has had manned trillity peculiarly his own.

For long years he has held high aspirations for the United States Senate, but without avail. He is a poperat, dyed-in-the-wool, three-ply, doubled and twisted his personal to have a leader of the populists not because he loves them, or the populists not because he loves turn, or the principles they espouse, but to help "Tommy" reach the office for which he has so long yearned. From his subter-fuges and the vaccillating tone of his journal it is hard to tell where he is

#### A POLITICIAN.

Be it said, however, he is nothing mor or less than a double-distilled politician an astute lawyer, a forceful writer, with About twenty-five years ago he ran for Congress, and claimed to be elected, but Congress, and claimed to be elected, but the decision of the Congress gave it to the other fellow. Be has also been a nominee for Governor of this State and numerous other smaller offices, but the people willed at the polls that he stay at home. The "News" under his control, as a newspaper, is not of a high order; except for gall, bitterness and wholesale vittation of truth and hold display of trash and defamation, which many self-respecting citizens scorn to read. Thus the ing chizens scorn to read. Thus the Rocky Mountain News, which started on its career forty years ago, modestly, truthfully and purely white, has after a checkered life reached old age, not with whitened locks in which there is honor,

#### Lawn-Making.

One of the greatest problems in genera ening is the production of a good and maintaining it. Yet it is easy turf and maintaining it. Yet it is eas to solve, too, if carefully attended to.

The chief thing is to start right. Ther should be a good, rich, loamy, top-soi six inches in depth, at least, in which the seed should be sown. Unless to some very good reason, which would see the case, one bind of crass on the case, so he had of crass on dom be the case, one kind of grass only

being very hardy and close-growing, I a very fine, "silky" grass, will be found admirable. Around the base of large trees, where it is not also shady it will grow right up to their trunks. This is also recommended for sowing in sod which is troubled with annual grass or which is troubled with annual grass or weeds, as it may be cut very close, and the annuals prevented from seeding. While telling what to do it is well to add what to avoid. Whatever kind of grass is employed to seed with, it should be of a slightly creeping, and not of a tufty character. It is impossible to make a close, even carpet with a tufty grass,—Mechan's Monthly for February.

#### Groceries Given Away Special Sale This Week.

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 packages Jellycon, 25c.; 2 packages Cream Custard, 25c.-

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### Atlantic and Virginia NEWS OF HORSES AND HORSEMEN

Trotters and Pacers With Fast Records Owned Here.

MOSUL, 2:09 1-4, AMONG THEM-

Richmond as a Distributing Point Chester, the Son of Falsetto, Hornpipe in the Hunting Field.

A greater number of fast trotters and pacers are owned in this city and vicinity now than ever before, and the interest is speedy horses at either gait continues With the return of prosperity in busi

With the return of prosperity in business and financial circles the demand for gentlemen's roadsters has greatly increased, and good ones are constantly changing hands at prices representing a fair margin of profit. The fastest trotter owned in Richmond, or for that matter in the State of Virginia, is the bay gelding Mosul, 2:00 1-4, by Sultan, out of Virginia Maid, by Sam Purdy, who trotted to his record and won that memorable seven-heat race at the Grand Circuit meeting at Columbus, O., in August, 1897, since, which time the unsexed son of Sultan, who is a mastodon in size, has been in retirement. Trotters seem to be far more popular here than pacers, as the list, which follows, will show, but sooner or later the lateral gaited performer is more than apt to force himself into recentling and a few years, hence former is more than apt to force himself nto recognition, and a few years hence may be in the ascendancy, or at least, or may be in the ascendancy, or at least, on an equal footing with horses that take to tie diagonal gait. Among those with record of 2:39 and better, following Mosul, in the order named, may be mentioned: McZeus, 2:13, br. h., by McKinney, dam Gracie Kaiser, by Kaiser; Kodras, 2:15-1-4, b. g., by Norval, dam Bianca, by Blackwood; Roster, 2:15-1-4, b. g., by Red Wilkes; Firewood, 2:17-1-4, b. g., by King Nutwood, dam Medina, by Middletown; Eloroy, 2:15-1-4, br. h., by Simmons, dam Berkshire Belie, by Aleyone; Hulman, 2:20, by Quartermaster, dam Winnie D. by Hannis; Lucena, 2:22-1-4, b. m., by Wickliffe, dam Happy Princess, by Happy Medium; Charles Anderson, 2:22-1-2, ch. g., by Wilkes Chief, dam by Bailey's Dexter; Little Betz, 2::3-1-4, ro. m., by John W. Daniel, dam Betz Psringer, by Captain; Lord Harcourt, 2:25, b. g., by in equal footing with horses that take to Captain; Lord Harcourt, 2:25, b. g., by Captain; Lord Harcourt, 2:25, b. g., by Geystone, dam Mezzo, by Mambrino; Presque Isle, 2:25 1-4, b. h., by Norfolk, dam Mambrino, by Mambrino King; Lady May, ro, m., by John W. Danlel, dam untraced; General Dashwood, 2:23 3-4, blk, g., by Simmons, dam Nelly Grant; Robert Ransom, 2:29 3-4, br, h., by Gambetta, dam Black Maria, by C. M. Clay, Jr.; Zilla B., 2:30 b. m., by Woodburn Hambletonian, dam untraced; Crow, 3:20, blk, g., by Rupee, dam by Diotator; and the nacers Princess Entaille, 2:37, 1-4, ch. m. tonian, dam untraced; Crow, 3:20, blk\_g.,
by Rupee, dam by Dictator; and the
pacers Princess Eulalle, 2:17 1-4, ch. m.,
by Prince Belmont, dam Sea Foam, by
Red Jacket: Branchwood, 2:23\(\frac{1}{6}\), b. g.,
by Woodburn Hambletonian, dam untraced; Havelock, Jr., 2:23 1-4, b. g., by
Havelock, dam Baroness, by Rothschild,
and Tissack, 2:26, ch. m. by Grampain,
dam Santa W., by Prophet Wilkes.

As a distributing point for supplying calers throughout Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina, Richmond has gained considerable prominence as a horse market. Not only are large numauction, but numerous private sales are

Smyth Brothers, of the Southern Horse Smyth Brothers, of the Southern Horse Pazaar, who lead in the volume of business by public auction, report the best season in the history of their business. They have built up a large trade and are well known and popular throughout the South among buyers. Their auction sales are held Wednesdays and Saturdays, and on some occasions as many as three and four hundred head of horses and mules of various grades are disposed of in a slage day.

gle day.

Joseph Lasitter, who conducts the Richmond Bazaar, is one of the best known and most popular horseman in the whole South, and has been identified with the horse market of Richmond for the beau prominent.

gather at it is more than likely to grow in importance for years to come.

One of the most popular events to be decided at the forthcoming spring meeting of the Washington Jockey Club, and which will be run off over the Bennings course. Washington, D. C., is the Spring Hunter's Steeple Chase, subscriptions to which close on or before February 15th, horses to be named on or before March 15th. This steeple chase is for hunters four years old and upward, qualified under the rules of the National Steeple Chase and Hunt Association, that have been regularly hunted during the season of 1839-1560, owned and ridden by membeen regularly hunted during the season of 1899-1960, owned and ridden by members of the recognized hunts in Maryland, Virginia and District of Columbia. The former well known Virginian, Mr. Algernon Daingerfield, assistant secretary of the Washington Jockey Ciub, writes me that the outlook is very promising for this steeple chase, and the chances are that a grand field of horses will face the starter. The Deep Run, Piedmont and Warrenton Hunt Clubs, of Virginia, will be represented, and the winner may turn up from that source.

The bay horse Chorister, thoroughbred son of Falsetto and Addie C., by King Alfonso, owned by James R. Keene, of New York, and for several years past a member of that noted financier's famous Castleton stud at Lexington, Ky., will go to the Valley of Virginia to make a stud season for 1900. Chorister is one of

scason for 1900. Chorister is one of the grandest looking horses in Kentucky, standing 16:2 hands high and weighing nearly 1.400 pounds, while in heart and girth he probably measures more than any horse in the Blue Grass region.

The son of Falsetto was always well thought of by Major Daingerfield, who directs affairs at Castleton, and that astute judge of horse flesh looks for the bay stallion to sire a grand lot of hunters, saddle and general purpose horses in the Valley of Virginia, where he will have access to numbers of good mares. Chorister was a good race horse. He ran a mile in 1:391-4, and won among other events the sea and sound stakes, carrying 113 pounds.

Mr. Charles H. Hurkamn of the Amage.

Mr. Charles H. Hurkamp, of the Amaret Farm, Fredericksburg, Va. has recently sold to a gentleman in New Jersey the handsome and highly-formed black mare, Black Satin, five years old, sixteen hands high, and weighing close to 1.100 pounds. Black Satin is described as a mare of exquisite quality and finish, fit to compete in any show ring.

The heavy-weight hunter, Hornpipe, developed and sold by the Amaret Farm, is showing up in grand form in the hands of his new owner, Miss Marie Murchison, at Orton Plantation, near Wilmington, N. C. As seen in action when being ridden to hounds by Miss (Murchison, this fine, big gelding is a splendid piece of machinery, while his manners in the hunting field are well-nigh perfection. At five

years old Hornpipe stands sixteen hands and an inch in height, weighs 1,175 pounds, and through his sire, Young Sanford, the son of Sanford, he inherits the potent thoroughbred blood of Lexington, which enables him to take up any weight and live through a chase of many hours' duwhere the pace is furious from end

Mr. L. Banks Holt, of the Alamance Farm, Graham, N. C., has a couple of grand-looking brood mares in Winnie D., dam of Hulman, 2:20; Ginter, 2:24 1-4, pacing, and Mayo, 2:28 1-4, a daughter of pacing, and Mayo, 2:281-4, a daughter of Hannis and Maud L., by Flyaway, and Blondette, dam of Governor Holt, 2:15, by Leland, out of Minetta, by Kentucky Prince. Winnie D. is the dam of Giles Mebane, a brown colt, four years old, of extraordinary beauty and finish, by John R. Gentry, 2:00 1-2. Both Winnie D. and Blondette were bred in 1839 to Gregorian, 2:29 3-4, the premier sire at Alamance, and appear to be in foal.

Mr. Thomas M. Hewitt, North Bend Mr. Thomas M. Hewitt, North Bend Farm, Weyanoke, Va., is wintering five horses with records, all owned at the farm. They are the chestnut pacing stallion Whitby, 2:18, by Hannis, dam Maud L., by Flyaway, who sired Angelus, 2:12 1-4; Miss Thompson, 2:20 1-4, by Toodles, Jr., dam Primrose, by Hetzel's Hambletonian; Fanny Cox, 2:20, pacfig, by Judge Cox, dam Mambrine, by Mambrine King; Kitty B., 2:21 1-4, by Nutgold, son of Nutwood, and Florence Miles, 2:21 1-4, bay mare, by Prophet Wilkes, dam by Red Champion.

The big bay pacing mare, Almist, 2:23 1-4 by Alchemist, son of Almont, owned by Mr. M. E. Doyle, of Lynchburg, is win-Mr. M. E. Doyle, of Lynchourg, is win-tering finely in the stable of her owner, who looks for her to lower her record during the coming season, after which she will probably be retired for road work or bred. Almist was driven to her record in 1866 by W. G Bryan, of Albert C. (2:16½) fame.

In the bay gelding, four years old, by Baron Russell, dam by Sam Purdy, W. D. Adams, Jr., of Lynchburg, Va., has the prospect for a trotter. Baron Russell, as on of Mambrino Russell, dam a full sister to Baronet, 2:11 1-4, by Baron Wilkes, was formerly owned by Mr. Adams.

Adams,
In the bay pacing gelding Perfection, recently purchased from T. M. Arrasmith, Mt. Pleasant, Tennessee, it is said that Dr. T. J. B. Battle, of Greensboro, N. C., has secured a 2:10 prospect, Perfection is by Blue Hal, 2:14 3-4, dam by Bay Tom, L. addition to Perfection Dr. Battle owns In addition to Perfection Dr. Battle owns In addition to Perfection Dr. Battle owns a bay pacing stallion by King Nutwood, dam Miss Windsor, by Windsor, also Betsy Tussey, a full sister to the latter. Botsy Tussey was bred in 1889 to Gregorian. 2:29 3-4, the handsome chestnut sen of Frince George and Beltina, by Mansfield, that heads the Alamance Farm stud of Mr. L. Banks Holt, Graham, N. C., and appears to be in feal.

Mr. Frank M. Parker, Jr., formerly a well-known resident of this city, but now at the head of important business enterprises in Honduras, who has been visiting the latest bars designed to the first of the control of he will remain a few days and then depar ne will remain a few days and then depart for Honduras. While residing in this city Mr. Parker was a patron or outdoor sport, and was frequently driving on the road behind such good ones as Toodles, Jr., the sire of Nelley D., 2:181-4; Ida Wise, by Bapora, and others, BROAD ROCK.

#### FUN IN THE OLD DAYS.

A Practical Joke in Mecklenburg Many Years Age.

BOYDTON, VA., Feb 3, Special.—Many old persons lived in Mecklenburg, on the good old ante bellum days, when peace and plenty made glad the hearts of her and plenty made glad the hearts of he people and their homes were the abod-of happiness. In those days the men who were liable

to militia service, assembled at their muster-ground under the call of their captain and then again once a month the people in large numbers met at county court. At these meetings the best of good

At these meetings the best of good humor prevailed, and a generally good time was expected, as friends met there and treats were freely indulged in.

There were no restrictions placed upon the bar-room trade, and it was not infrequently the case that John Barleycorn was master of the situation, as whisky was sold plentifully at retail for fifty cents per gallon.

Many incidents are told of these times,

Many incidents are told of these times. One particularly is recalled to my mind which is very amusing in its character. It is this: One court-day merning a genby a neighbor's (whom we will call B) and enquired if he did not wish to go to court. B replied that he would like to go, but that his shirt was very much soiled, and that he did not have a clean one. Well, said A, just pull off the shirt and put on a sharp (a sharp was a hosand put on a sham, (a sham was a bo om and collar, without the shirt, proceeded to court,

After getting there, it occurred to A, that he would have some fun at B's expense. So he let a third party into the scheme about B's sham, and engaged him to assist in playing a practical joke B was a hot-tempered man and when ever he was offended, the first act before fighting was to pull of his coat. On this occasion the third party went up to B and insuted him very grossly.

Immediately B threw off his coat, without thinking or caringf about the lack of his shirt, and A, wh owas watching for the opportunity, selzed the coat and ran off. As soon as this was done, the party who had offered the insult was profuse in

off. As soon as this was done, the party who had offered the insult was profuse in his apology to B, who at once accepted it, turning to get his coat, he found it was gone, and in this predicament he was left for a good while.

B, in relating the circumstances to me, many years ago, said that the joke was practiced on him ane hot summer day, and that before he recovered his coat, his back was blistered.

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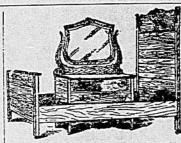


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### TRAVELLING MEN HAVE ORGANIZED

Virginia Division T. P. A. Met at Danville Last Week.

A. D. KEEN THE FRESIDENT.

Humorous Lecture on the Drumme by Alexander H. Sweet-How He Travels and What He Has to Dare in His Business.

A visit was made to Danville by several officers of Virginia Division T. P. A. recently and the Danville Register has the following to say regarding it:

Mr. R. B. Walthall, State Secretary, and Mr. H. Lee Lorraine, one of the Board of Directors of the Virginia Division, 'Travellers' Protective Association of America, came in from Richmond yesterday to visit Post E, members of Danville, for the purpose of re-organizing the local branch. Mr. Walthall said that no city in the State could boast of a more substantial membership for this association than Danville, but there had been for several years a lack of organization. He was very much encouraged in the work accomplished yesterday. After visiting several of the business houses and meeting with a number of the members, a meeting was called at Wemple, Ellerson

The meeting was called to order by Mr Orlando Wemple, and Mr. J. S. Oliver was chosen as temporary chairman. The was enosen as temporary endiman. The first business was the reading of a letter from the State-President, Mr. C. W. Saunders, of Richmond. After the reading of this letter officers of the post were elected as follows:

A. D. Keen, president; Chalmers Patterson, vice resident; C. E. Cabiness, second and control of the post was president; C. E. Cabiness, second vice residents.

son, vice-president; C E. Cabiness, sec-retary and treasurer. Board of Directors: retary and treasurer. Board of Directors:
C. B. Keen, Andrew Jameson, J. S. Oliver,
E. W. Dixon, Jr., R. H. Thomas, J. D.
Wemple, J. B. Anderson.
The chairman of the Railroad, Legislative, Press and Employment Committees, also physician and chaplain, will be chosen at a later meeting."
THE DRUMMER—A LECTURE.
Following is a lecture by Alexander H. Sweet, on the Drummer, which will be interesting to travelling men:

H. Sweet, on the Drummer, which will be interesting to travelling men:
"The predominant trait of the drummer is what is called cheek, or gall, or both.
"The inhabitants of Burmah worship idols made of brass. How they would go down on their knees if an American commercial traveller were to get around their way! their way! There is a town in Switzerland named

"There is a town in Switzerland named; after St. Gall, who is belleved to be the patron saint of drummers.

"It has been stated as a fact that a drummer was once struck by lightning, and the spot where he stood looked as if a brass cannon had been melted.

"The country merchant has no protection against the drummer. A country than against the drummer.

comes near telling the truth once.

"As a result, the sangulnary country worth of goods he don't need, and he goes out and takes a drink which he does not need.

does not need.
HIS PARAPHERNALIA. "The drummer inhabits railroad trains orincipally. He also temporarily infests the best rooms in the hotel. He is usually swung to a satchel containing a comb and brush, another shirt, a clean

cellibiti collar and a pair of cuits, etc., also a railroad guide, and a newspaper wrapped around a suspicious-looking bottle. That is about all his personal baggaga. He has, besides, a two-story, ironbound trunk containing samples.

"He travels for a first-class house—the largest firm in their line of business in the United States—a firm that sells more.

celluloid collar and a pair of cuffs, etc.,

largest firm in their line of business in the United States—a firm that sells more goods and sells them cheaper than any other two houses in the country. He is very modest about stating these facts, and blushes when he makes the statement, but he makes it, nevertheless, probably as a matter of duty.

When the drummer travels alone he occupies one seat and on the other alles up. cupies one seat, and on the other piles up

his baggage and overcoat and tries to look as if they didn't belong to him, but to another man who has just stepped into the smoking car, and would be back presently.

Drummers are usually found in pairs or guaratus on the cars. They sit together or quarteties on the cars. They sit together in a double seat, with a valise on each end between them, on which they play poker and other sinful games. When they get tired of playing they go out into the smoking car, where a man who is traveling for a liquor firm "sets 'em is traveling for a liquor firm "sets 'em up" out of his sample case, and for an hour or two they swap lies about the big bill of goods they have sold in the last town they were in; tell highly-seasoned stories about their personal adventures and exhibit to each other the photographs of the last girl on whom they

made impressions. DARING INDIVIDUAL

The drummer is the only man who dares address hotel clerks by their Christian names. He knows every hotel and every room in the hotel. When he arrives by a late train he is the first to get out of the 'bus and reach the clerk's desk, when he ways to the clerk'. "Mello Charof the ous and reach the cierk's desk, when he says to the cierk: "Hello, Charlie, old fel, how are you? Got No. 16 for me?" And the cierk flashes his Kohinoor and a smile on him as he shakes his hand, pounds the nickel-plated call bell and shouts: "John, take the gentleman's baggage to No. 16."

In the dining-room the drummer is a favorite with the colored waiters, although he orders more dishes and finds more fault with the fare than other guests do. He does not believe the waiter when he says the milk is all out, but sends him off to inquire further into the matter, and while he is gone he fills up his glass out of the biue milk in the cream pitcher. He flirts with the chambermaids, teases the bootblacks and plays practical jokes on the regular boarders.

The drummer has much to worry him. Traveling at night, to save time, sleeping in the baggage car or in the caboose In the dining-room the drummer is a

Traveling at night, to save time, sleeping in the baggage car or in the caboose of a freight train, with nothing but his ear for a pillow, bumping over rough roads in stages and buckboards, living on corn bread and ooffee dinners, yet he is usually good natured, although he sometimes expresses his feelings regarding the discomforts of travel or the toughness of a beefsteak in language one would never attribute to the author of Watt's Rymns.

"The country merchant has no protection against the drummer. A country merchant will 'oad up a double-barreled gun with nails, with the intention of vaccinating the drest drummer who enters his store, but he never does it.

"The commercial emissary disarms him with a smile, and in differen minutes tells the will appreciate this complimentary made and show his appreciation by the old man four good jokes, pays him compliments on business ability, pro-

buy a Texas Sifter whenever the train-boy comes around."

The sweet-flag Acorus Calamus, mos articularly the variegated-leaved form s very generally known, and has been ise, though perhaps not cultivated for with rushes and strewn on the floors of their homes and in places for religious worship. The name accrus comes from Greek derivatives, showing it to have been utilized medicinally for maladies of the eye. In more modern times its value has been extended, being used in confectionery, for hair powders and perfumery, and for flavoring intoxicating liquors. and for flavoring intoxicating fiquors.
With the origin and cultivation of the
variegated form, it has been brought
into more general use in gardening,
where something for damp and marshy
ground is desired, in which place it is at

furnishes greater interest in another spe cles (there are but three decided spe gramineus, which has also a variegated form. But while calamus grows vigorform. But while calamis grows vigorously to an approximate height of three
feet, gramineus is barely more than nine
inches, and grass-like, forming very pretty
little tufts. The writer has never seen it
grown outside of a green-house; but there
is good reason to believe it might prove
hardy.—Meehan's Monthly for February.

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Then, by some careless word or reckless

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